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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116 and S/1999/1130)

Other matters

Morning*	4060th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preliminary Deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

11 a.m.	4061st meeting** (closed)	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*, L.5 and L.6 *(item 101 b))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))* and draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.13 and resolution 17/1 (Chapter I, section A of A/54/8) *(item 99 (b))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia

Statements on behalf of:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi

To be presented by the representative of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights

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* To be issued.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.50 and L.52

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

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8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by:

Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda

General discussion

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* To be issued

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/54/5)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/54/102 and A/C.5/54/6)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/54/103 and A/C.5/54/7)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/54/104 and A/C.5/54/8)

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/54/105 and A/C.5/54/9)

   (f) Appointment of an alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/112 and A/C.5/54/10)

2. United Nations common system [126]

   (Written responses to be provided by the Secretariat)

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

   Part IV: International cooperation for development

   Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A) *(continued)*

   International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B, A/54/127 and A/53/7/Add.15)

   Environment (Part IV, section 12 and A/C.5/54/20)

   Human settlements (Part IV, section 13 and A/C.5/54/16)

   Crime prevention and criminal justice (Part IV, section 14)

   International drug control (Part IV, section 15 and A/53/643)

   General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

Morning*.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session (item 155)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
2. United Nations University
3. United Nations International Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	200th meeting	Conference Room 8

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)
2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twenty-first session

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
Morning*- 1 p.m.	10th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session [7]

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Committee.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) *today*, 5 November 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 5 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (Debt) A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 5 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on the fourth substantive session of the Open-ended Preparatory Committee on the South Summit)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTSRAW))

10 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (a) (Financing for development)

12 p.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

2.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *today*, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) *today*, 5 November 1999, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 8 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

3 p.m.	49th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17 (h)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (c)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A, to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoeala (Lesotho), will continue to hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

46th plenary meeting

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [52]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 52 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]

The General Assembly was reminded that, at its 83rd plenary meeting on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly had adopted resolution 53/104 whereby, *inter alia*, it had decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country by four members, including one each from African, Asian, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups.

The Assembly was further reminded that at the 94th plenary meeting of its fifty-third session, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly had taken note that the President of the General Assembly had appointed three members of the Committee from the African, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, and that there still remained one member of the Committee to be appointed from among the Asian States.

The Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of Malaysia as a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1998.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.21.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mexico, the United States, Lithuania, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Japan, Egypt, Ukraine, South Africa, India, Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

47th plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, New Zealand, Uruguay, Australia, Armenia and Belarus.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea and Japan.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/54/L.21 was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would consider agenda item 37 (implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) to take action on draft resolution A/53/L.16 on Wednesday, 10 November, in the morning. The Assembly would also consider, that same morning, agenda item 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) to take action on draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1.*

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Ukraine, the United States of America, Croatia and the Czech Republic, introduced the revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.40/Rev.1.

The representative of Hungary, on behalf of the sponsors listed, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.19/Rev.1.

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsor listed, as well as Bhutan, Mauritius, the Sudan, Fiji and Kenya, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.31/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the League of Arab States, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8/Rev.1.

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed, introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1.

The representative of France introduced an amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.17* was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.31/Rev.1 was adopted by 90 votes to 42, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.33 was adopted by 89 votes to 40, with 18 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.34 was adopted as follows: the last three words in operative paragraph 3 by 128 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions; operative paragraph 3 as a whole by 128 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions; and the draft resolution as a whole by 136 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/54/L.35 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.43* was adopted as follows: operative paragraph 1 by 137 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 2 by 94 votes to 25, with 22 abstentions; and the draft resolution as a whole by 98 votes to 27, with 21 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.25 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.52 was adopted without a vote.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Israel and South Africa.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for Palestine, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Lebanon and Israel.

The Chief of the Central Planning and Co-ordination Service of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

A/C.4/54/L.13 to L.19

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.13.

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Norway and Turkey) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.14.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.15 to L.19.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

A/C.4/54/L.13

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.13 by a recorded vote of 120 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of Jordan informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of A/C.4/54/L.13 but was not reflected in the recorded vote.

A/C.4/54/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.14 without a vote.

A/C.4/54/L.15

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.15 by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.16

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.16 by a recorded vote of 123 to none, with 1 abstention.

*A/C.4/54/L.17**

Bangladesh and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.17 by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.18

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.18 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.19

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.19 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of the Sudan informed the Committee that, had his delegation been present, they would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.13 to L.19.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 88.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89]

A/C.4/54/L.8 to A/C.4/54/L.12*

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/52/L.8, L.9/Rev.1, L.10, L.11 and L.12.

*A/C.4/54/L.8**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.8 by a recorded vote of 70 to 2, with 49 abstentions.

A/C.4/54/L.9/Rev.1

Bangladesh, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.9/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with 1 abstention.

*A/C.4/54/L.10**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.10* by a recorded vote of 120 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

*A/C.4/54/L.11**

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.11 by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/54/L.12

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.12, by a recorded vote of 119 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by the observer of Palestine and the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that in accordance with its programme of work and time table the next item for consideration would be agenda item 86 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible and also to kindly submit the draft resolution relating to agenda item 86, in order to conclude that item as scheduled.

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, China, Ecuador, Thailand, Turkey, Algeria, Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Ukraine, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria and the Sudan.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 97 (a) was *Friday, 5 November, at 6 p.m.*

At the request of the representative of the United States, the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 (a) and (b) was postponed until *Tuesday, 9 November, at 6 p.m.*

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights in which the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, Japan, Croatia, China, Cuba, the Sudan, Iraq, India, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Australia, Singapore and Rwanda took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture, Sir Nigel Rodley, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture in which the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Denmark and Finland (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

33rd meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Armenia, Guyana, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.29

The representative of Egypt announced that India and Brazil had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Congo, Gabon, Liberia, Suriname and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Australia, Israel, the Russian Federation and Mongolia made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

The delegations of Burkina Faso, Croatia, Ghana, Oman, Poland, San Marino, Senegal and Venezuela subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

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(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan, Dr. Kamal Hossain, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan in which the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar in which the representatives of Myanmar, the United States, Japan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Libyan Arab Jamahariya took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Roberto Garretón, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in which the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Finland (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 28th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 211, p.13): the text under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27* should read:

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guatemala and Swaziland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Office of Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item, while awaiting receipt of responses, in writing, to the questions raised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d' Ivoire).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part II. Political affairs

Section 5. Disarmament

The Committee resumed its consideration of section 5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, the United States, Cuba, Zambia and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part III. International justice and law

Part IV. International cooperation for development

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts III and IV of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Section 7. International Court of Justice

Section 8. Legal affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Liechtenstein and Norway (on sections 7 and 8)); on section 7 by Mexico, Algeria, the United States; Japan (on section 7 and 8); on section 7 by the Republic of Korea, Canada, Cuba, Argentina, Israel, Uganda and Algeria.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

27th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part III. International justice and law

Section 8. Legal affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Cuba and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Section 9. Economic and social affairs

Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

Section 11A. Trade and development

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Section 12. Environment

Section 13. Human settlements

Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Section 15. International drug control

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway (on sections 9-15)); Mexico (on section 15); on section 9 by Japan, Algeria, the United States; Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (on sections 9, 10 and 11 A)); on section 9 by the Philippines, Zambia, Zimbabwe, China, Cuba, Chile, Bolivia, Israel and Kenya.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ethiopia, Algeria, Uganda, the Sudan, the United States, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, Botswana, Zambia, Ghana, Israel, Cameroon, China, Nigeria, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 10 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 11 A. Trade and development

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries) and Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 26th and 27th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, France, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Hungary, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cyprus, Japan, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Austria, Egypt, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Turkey, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1999/212, p. 13): In the second paragraph, the representative of Finland spoke on behalf of the Nordic countries and *not* on behalf of the European Union.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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1809th meeting

The Committee adopted the lists of issues it would deal with at the sixty-eighth session, to be held in New York from 6 to 31 March 2000.

1810th (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed communications and the concluding observations on Hong Kong (Special Administration Region) (CCPR/C/79/Add.117).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Kenya (4 November 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 December 1999, in accordance with its article 15 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room 3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A seminar to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief will be held *today*, 5 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will deliver the keynote address at 9.15 a.m. Following her remarks, there will be a panel composed of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the Unit-ed Nations; H. E. Mr. Janis Bjorn Kanavin, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Prof. David Little, Harvard University; Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Nikoo Mahboubian, President, NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (co-sponsor of the event, with the International NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Values Caucus). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until *today*, 5 November 1999, at the Visitor's Entrance.

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from 9 to 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held on Tuesday, 9 November, at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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